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RESOLUTION - Declaring October 7, 2023, the 50th Anniversary Sister City Day for Kansas City and Morelia.

WHEREAS, Kansas City, Missouri USA and Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico are celebrating their Golden Anniversary, 50 Years of being Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities partnership began in January 1973 with an agreement signed by Dr. Charles B. Wheeler, Mayor of Kansas City and Lic. Marco Antonio Aguilar Cortéz, Mayor of Morelia; and

WHEREAS, the two cities have developed and continue to enjoy a strong economic and cultural relationship; and

WHEREAS, both cities share the important trade connection through the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) railroad, are designated Creative Cities of Music by UNESCO and are united by the wonder of the Monarch Butterflies as they travel through North America; and

WHEREAS, both are graced with many beautiful fountains and a replica of the Las Tarascas statues, the most famous fountain of Morelia, was gifted to Kansas City for the 40th anniversary of their partnership; and

WHEREAS, several dignitaries are celebrating in Kansas City from Morelia are Alfonso Martínez Alcázar, Mayor of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico (invited), Oscar del Cueto Cuevas, President and Executive Representative of CPKC de México as guest speaker, and the “Estudiantina” musical group from La Salle University in Morelia led by Director, Dr. Jesus Vazquez Estupinan; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Bessenbacher, long-time Chair of the Morelia-KC sister city relationship, is Chairwoman of the 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 7, 2023; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare October 7, 2023 the Anniversary Sister City Day for Kansas City and Morelia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Gloria Bessenbacher and distinguished guests from Morelia, Mexico for promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation in Kansas City.
